



Baldwin Park Unified School District

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To whom it may concern:

The Baldwin Park Unified School District (BPUSD) is thankful for the funding we receive from E-Rate to continue to upgrade and maintain a network capable of meeting the needs of our students to support 21st Century learning. However, as appreciative as we are in receiving category 2 funding, we are also concerned that after the 2019-2020 school year telephony services will be completely phased out and no funding will be provided for phone services. The impact of this would mean BPUSD would go from spending \$214,437 annually for phone service to \$428,874, thus doubling the cost for essential phone services! This cost would need to be taken from the budget for technology support and services. The end-result would mean funding to continue to provide quality high speed network to support learning would greatly diminish.

BPUSD is a predominantly minority, poor and working class community. 90% of the approximately 15,000 students are Hispanic and qualify for free and reduced lunch program. Providing access to network resources and services will help close the equity gaps and support more opportunities for our disadvantage students. However, eliminating funding for telephony service will have a substantial impact on meeting this goal.

With heightened urgency,

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